(c) was not this misconduct found out in the course of that year's inspection; if so, what was the inspection remark of the District Judge regarding this;

(d) was any action taken by the Government in the matter of delay in remittance or misappropriation, whatever it be?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) "Inordinate delay is noticed with the Head clerk in remitting into the treasury items of civil courts' deposits that come into his hands. This is highly irregular. He is given a severe warning. He will hereafter remit the money into the treasury the day it comes into his hands or at the latest the next day."

(b) The District Munsiff made a report on 24th Kanni 1096. It was a confidential communication.

(c) This fact did not find a place in the inspection notes.

(d) No action was taken by the Government.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—With reference to (d), may I know why no action was taken by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have called for explanation as to why no action was taken.

Misappropriation of Devaswam money.

197. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the amount misappropriated by Mr. A. K. Samba Ayyar, late the Inspector of Devaswams;

(b) what was the value of the subject matter of the suit that was filed against him in this connection and how was it disposed of;

(c) what was the amount that was decreed against him; has that amount been recovered; if not, why not;

(d) has he presented any petition before the Diwan for the grant of pension; if so, when;

(e) has not the Diwan recommended him for pension; if so, what are the special reasons for such a recommendation and when was it submitted to His Highness;

(f) have any final orders been passed by His Highness on such recommendations of the Diwan;

(g) has not Mr. Samba Ayyar got a close relative in the Government service; and if so, what is his name and office;

(h) if the answer to (g) is in the affirmative, what was the office of his relative when Mr. Samba Ayyar's guilt was detected;

(i) was there any relative of Mr. Samba Ayyar in the Huzur Secretariat when the Diwan recommended him to His Highness for pension?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question relates to a Sirkar Devaswam matter and hence the Government decline to answer.

Defalcation of Stamps in the Excise Office.

198. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when was Mr. Sangameswara Ayyar's theft of stamps detected in the Excise Commissioner's Office, and what was the total value of the stamps stolen;

(b) when was the order of punishment passed against him?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) In Meenam 1102, Rs. 30.

(b) 9th April 1929/27th Meenam 1104.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know why this long delay in passing orders of punishment? The case was detected in Meenam 1102, and the order of punishment is dated 27th Meenam 1104. May I know why this long interval?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Member for Excise is not here.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—If the Government can give an answer, I shall be satisfied. I have put the question to the Government and to the Member for Excise. Any Government Member can answer.

President.—This is a matter specially pertaining to that Department.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—In the matter of answering supplementary questions, any Government Member can answer. The Member for the Medical Department was in the practice of replying to questions relating to other Departments.

President.—You want an explanation for the long delay? The matter was under enquiry throughout the intervening period and after the enquiry was closed, final orders have been passed.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether he has put in a petition for reconsidering his case?

President.—There was a petition.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know how it was disposed of?

President.—I think there was a question on this matter on a previous day. There was a recommendation on the petition for reconsidering the order of the Diwan regarding the severity of the punishment awarded. The Superintendent recommended that some reduction in the punishment might be made and the Diwan passed orders revising this order. So final orders have been passed. You will find all this from the answer paper.

199. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what orders have been passed by the Gov-

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